



Seattle University School of Law Student Life

How To Post An Announcement

Please send all announcements to lawstudentevents@seattleu.edu by Thursday at 5pm.

I will now also send out daily announcements regarding events that are occurring that day. I will include all announcements that are received for the "Weekly" but just in case you did not submit your announcement in time for the "Weekly," you can submit to the "Daily" by 5pm on the day before the event.

Don't forget to put your announcement on the Docket and add it to the Docket calendar! To request an announcement on the docket, please go to www.law.seattleu.edu/Office_and_Administration/Event_Administration/Events_and_Announcements.xml.

What you can expect in this announcement

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Student Events for the Week of March 9, 2009

Monday, March 9

PILF Summer Grants: Applications are due Monday, March 9, 2009 by 4:00pm

You can pick up an application at the Ronald A. Peterson Law Clinic reception desk M-F 8:30am-5:00pm.

PILF defines public interest broadly and looks to the individual applicant to demonstrate how the proposed project serves the public interest. Students must contact employers themselves, arrange for potential summer positions, and then apply for grants. Applications are due Monday, 3/9/09 by 4:00pm.

Questions? Need further informations? Please contact Therese Norton, Summer Grants Coordinator at nortont@seattleu.edu.

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12:00 -12:50 p.m.
Sullivan Hall, Room C5
Pizza will be provided.

For more information, please contact James Tan at tanj@seattleu.edu and "General Announcements" below.

Women's History Month Events on campus

Author and educator Hillary Potter (Assistant Professor of Sociology at The University of Colorado-Boulder) will be in Seattle (March 7-9) to talk about issues related to Black women and the culture of violence. In light of the recent media frenzy surrounding artists Rihanna and Chris Brown, Professor Potter's talks/forums may prove to be timely—as unfortunate as that is. Please help me spread the word by circulating the [attached](#) flyers and JPEG images to your networks.

March 9, 2009: Campus-Wide Forum on Black Women and the Culture of Violence: A Black Feminist Analysis of the Rihanna Incident (Seattle University Student Center, 12 noon to 1:30p).

Gary Kinte Perry, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Sociology
Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Social Work
Affiliated with Global African Studies and Womens Studies
Seattle University
phone: 206.296.2479

PUBLIC LECTURE: The Race and Class Nexus

Professor john powell

Monday, March 9, 2009 @ 4:30 p.m.
2nd Floor Gallery
Seattle University School of Law

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Please RSVP by Friday, March 13, 2009, at 5:00pm.

2009 Barristers' Ball Tickets on Sale!

March 2-April 3
Court Level

This year's event will be held at the Arctic Club Hotel on Saturday, April 4th from 8:00 p.m. til 12:30 a.m. The Awards Reception, presented by Justin Farmer, will begin at 8:30 p.m. Dancing and the rest of the festivities will start at 9 p.m. For more information, please email Ali Higgs at higgsa1@seattleu.edu.

A Message from Bon Appetit: Take a Break

Save 50 cents on any espresso beverage. Discount available Monday thru Thursday from 3:00pm to 5:00pm.

Tuesday, March 10

Criminal Justice Society Presents: Legal Education Certification

Take the time to improve your legal knowledge. Four 45-minute lunchtime lectures will be given throughout the month of March by some of the top legal minds in the Seattle area. Each student who attends will be given a certificate showing they have taken the time to become a better lawyer. Put THAT on your resume. March 3rd, March 11th, March 24th, and March 30th-Subjects to be announced.

Guest Lecture: Immigrant Rights Leader-Pramila Jayapal

Class at 12:00pm; *Pramila Jayapal* lecture at 1:00pm
329 Sullivan

We are pleased to welcome *OneAmerica, With Justice for All* (formerly the *Hate Free Zone*) Executive Director Pramila Jayapal to Seattle University School of Law and *Constitutional Law of Terrorism*.

Class begins at 12:00pm and Guests (including non law students who are guests of students in space available) are welcome to join us at 1:00pm.

PILF Action Committee Meeting at 3:45pm

Come to the Action Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 10th at 3:45PM in interview room 209A (in the Admissions office) to find out about some great ways to get involved!

The Seattle University chapter of the American Constitution Society is proud to host: SU Constitutional Law Professors on Constitutional Law

Attention 1Ls: Constitutional Law is a mandatory class, and it is one of the first classes that you get to schedule. ACS will host a Professor each week. The Professor will give a short presentation on the Constitutional Law issues covered in their class, and then answer your questions.

Come meet your future professor...

Room C-3 from 4:00-4:50pm on 3/10, and 3/24

3/3 – Professor Skover

3/10 – Professor Wing

3/24 – Professor Siegel

ARC Workshop - Making the Most of Spring Break: Exam Preparation

This workshop will focus on successful exam strategies and how to use Spring Break to get a leg up on exam preparation. We will also go over multiple choice strategies, and how to answer that nefarious policy question.

Sections A, B, & C: Tuesday, March 10 from 4-5pm in C6

Section E: Wednesday, March 11 from 7:30-8:30pm in the Courtroom

Seeking the Holy Grail: A Quest for Work/Life Balance in the Legal Profession

Advice and ideas from women who have achieved a work/life balance while building successful careers. Please join us for a reception and panel discussion.

Panelists include:

Lynn DuBey: Attorney, Former Associate General Counsel of Washington Mutual

Joyce Thomas: Partner, Frank Freed Subit & Thomas LLP

Orna Edgar: Attorney, Microsoft Corp.

Jennifer Sanscrainte: Attorney, Short Cressman & Burgess PLLC

Susan Mask: Former First Vice President and Assistant General Counsel of Washington Mutual

5:30pm in the 2nd Floor Gallery

This event is co-sponsored by the Women's Law Caucus and the Center for Professional Development.

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Coffee House: Free Coffee, Tea, and Snacks

The Graduate Student Council invites you to Coffee House at Pigott Atrium for some free coffee, tea, and snacks.

5pm at Pigott Atrium

For questions, comments, concerns: email hinds@seattleu.edu, vogelj@seattleu.edu, leiferl@seattleu.edu, shimabuk@seattleu.edu.

Town-Hall Meetings with Dean Testy

Join Dean Testy and Justin Farmer in this year's second Town Hall meeting. Dean Testy will update you on a variety of exciting topics, including faculty hiring, the new facility, and new programming. An open discussion will follow.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 11 at 5:00 p.m. in Room C6

Social Justice Coalition General Meeting: An opportunity for collaboration, dialogue, and taking action

Please join us for the Social Justice Coalition general meeting on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 from 6pm to 7pm in Room 328.

We will discuss the Petition Project, Social Justice Report Card, Social Justice Mondays, Upcoming student org board elections, an End-of-Year Retreat, Explore opportunities for collaboration with the Korematsu Center, and recap Diversity Week.

For students who have yet to get involved in a student organization, we would love to have you join our coalition!

Questions? Please contact Reyna Ramolete Hayashi at Ramolete@seattleu.edu.

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Thursday, March 12

Wine & Beverage Law Society Meeting

Thursday, March 12th

12 pm @ Courtroom

5 pm @ Room 328

Election Meeting: 2009-2010 president, VP, treasurer and secretary nominations/elections. WABLS is a fun organization to be a part of and a super conversation starter on a resume!

Event Updates: Come hear what's on tap for this Spring and Fall 2009 – and brainstorm more fun events!

2009 RELSA Spring Bowling Fundraiser

RELSA invites you to our bowling event to raise funds for our newly chartered organization. Proceeds will aid in funding

other events we have planned for this year and next fall. A \$5 donation gets you three free games of bowling at the nearby Garage Billiards, with a great prize for the highest score. Come out and meet the RELSA members, enjoy the Garage's happy hour, and mingle with fellow law students the Thursday before Spring Break. Hope to see you there.

Garage
March 12, 2009
5pm-7pm

Questions? Please contact Nick Moyer at moyern@seattleu.edu.

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TGIF

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Choices Conference

The Choices conference was started at a time when the only career oriented event at the law school was the OCI (on campus interview), which represents only the large, traditional law firms. **Choices provide** information and insight into non-traditional careers in the legal field. This includes public interest law, environmental law, legal writing, etc. With respect to the students who put the panels on, Choices provides an excellent opportunity for networking in your field of interest. I have heard great reports from students from past panels in terms of their connections they made with the panelists.

March 27th, 2009
12-4 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Molly Cherkin at cherkinm@seattleu.edu.

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The Center for Global Justice is pleased to announce the 2009-2010 Student Fellows

Christopher Dearing, '10
Terra Evans, '10
Jennifer Segadelli, '10
Joel Wolf, '10

The fellows are assigned projects to draft model domestic legislation on corruption for the African Union and provide a detailed and informed commentary on the former British Prime Minister Tony Blair's Africa Commission Report.

The Center for Global Justice combines a justice-based approach to globalization with a commitment to academic excellence. Among the Center's projects are a speaker series, a student fellows program, and research advocacy and publication opportunities.

For more information about the Center, please visit the [Center for Global Justice](#) website.

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Merf Ehman is the Managing Attorney in the Seattle Office of Columbia Legal Services (CLS) where she focuses on systemic advocacy in the areas of housing, consumer and civil rights law. Prior to joining CLS, Merf managed King County Bar Association's Housing Justice Project (HJP) which is a court-based pro bono eviction prevention project, where she recruited, trained and mentored volunteer attorneys and law students.

Kellye Testy is the Dean of Seattle University's School of Law. She initially joined the law faculty in 1992, after serving as a law clerk to the Honorable Jesse Eschbach of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit. Now a frequent lecturer nationally in the areas of business and commercial law, Dean Testy is a leading scholar in the area of corporate governance reform. She has published numerous articles and book chapters on corporate governance and other business law and economic justice issues. In addition to her teaching and writing activities, Dean Testy is also active as a consultant and expert witness on a variety of corporate and securities law matters, in both state and federal court.

Composting Food Waste is now available

You can now compost your food waste just outside the double-doors to the dining/meeting/Sidebar area. The compost bin is outside until staffing is adequate to ensure daily pick-up.

Many thanks to Rebecca Parker-O'Neil, Associate Director of Event Administration, and Kati Ortiz, ELS member, for attending composting meetings on behalf of the Law School.

LEADERSHIP FOR JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP: DEADLINE EXTENDED!

The Leadership For Justice (LFJ) Fellowship strives to build upon the leadership capacity of future lawyers who are committed to social justice by creating opportunities for new lawyers to work on behalf of traditionally underserved populations and causes. The LFJ Fellowship demonstrates in a tangible way Seattle University School of Law's commitment to educating outstanding lawyers who are leaders for a more just and humane world. The

deadline for applications has been extended; the new deadline is April 9, 2009.

The Fellowship provides a salary of \$40,000 for one year to one Seattle University (SU) law graduate to work with a "host organization" on a social justice project. The candidate is an SU law student who will graduate in 2009 or recently graduated in December 2008. LFJ Fellowship applications are due by **April 9, 2009**.

The social justice project is to be designed in collaboration with a host organization and involve effective advocacy on behalf of underserved or marginalized individuals or groups, or address issues that are not adequately represented by some aspect of the legal system. The project should also provide the LFJ Fellow with the opportunity to exercise leadership and introduce new legal services or significantly expand upon services already provided by the organization. Finally, the project should be designed to include the potential for opportunities for SU law students to do meaningful social justice work. The Fellow will work with ATJI to develop, offer and oversee these student opportunities.

All applications for a Leadership For Justice Fellowship will be judged according to the quality of the proposed project, the qualifications of the individual Fellowship candidate, and the suitability of the host organization.

For all necessary information about the LFJ Fellowship, including information about the application process, click [here](#).

If you have any questions about the Fellowship and/or the Fellowship Application process *after viewing the website*, contact ATJI Associate Director, Monika Batra Kashyap at batram@seattleu.edu.

Please join us for this exciting event! In a time of new possibilities for change, the ACLU-WA Annual Membership Conference for 2009 will look at the "The Road Ahead" for civil liberties. Visit www.aclu-wa.org to reserve seats and register for CLE credit. (1.5 General Credits, WSBA Seminar #224542.)

The Road Ahead
Saturday, March 14
Seattle Center's INTIMAN Playhouse

Program

1:00 pm Registration

2:00 pm Moving Beyond Guantánamo

Keynote speaker Jeff Robinson presents a firsthand account of the military commission proceedings at Guantánamo Bay and ideas for creating a just system that respects due process for detainees.

Advancing LGBT Rights in the Wake of Proposition 8

Attorneys Tara Borelli of Lambda Legal in Los Angeles and Lori Rifkin from the ACLU of Southern California discuss lessons learned from experiences in California and strategies for gaining full marriage equality.

4:30 pm Reception

The INTIMAN is located at 2nd Avenue North at Mercer Street. Parking is abundant, and the theatre is near numerous bus lines.

Law Clerk Position Available with Professor Marilyn Berger (mjb@seattleu.edu)

Position involves working on a documentary about 9-11. You do not need to have film experience, though any familiarity would be welcome.

Requirements: Prefer IL students for a commitment fulltime summer, 2009 [you can take summer-school classes] with a commitment to work part-time through the following school year, fall, 2009-spring, 2010.

You should be in the top 30% of your class (roughly) and be curious, creative, and hard working. You will be working with other students closely and with Professor Berger. The work is exciting, interesting, and covers a range of skills from writing, research, negotiation, seeking copyright permissions, website design, and so forth. Good telephone skills, writing ability, website design, internet search skills required! And the desire to learn! Be part of a team effort to work on an exciting film project.

Apply by e-mail with a resume attached- (e-copy); include your references.
About the documentary:

OUT OF THE ASHES: 9-11

A Film Documentary

On September 11th, three thousand and fifty-six lives turned into ash.

Stories of seven families provides an unprecedented window into the psychology of harm and justice – Eleven days after the terrorist attack, the federal government put in place the largest public entitlement program, The Victim Compensation Fund. It distributed 7 billion dollars to over 5,500 families. *Was giving them money a misguided failure or a lifeline to survival* -- an undocumented worker family describes how the Fund helped them cope; a widow of a bond trader explains why she spent her multi-million award on designer clothes and shoes; a widow of an insurance agent tells why she rejected the likely multi-million dollar award and filed litigation.

Did the Fund undermine our legal system, or did it offer 9-11 families justice by avoiding lawsuits?

Director Sarah Holt and co-producer, Marilyn Berger ask this and other hard questions of the families and Fund Special Master, Kenneth Feinberg, politicians, lawyers and psychologists. Given the threat of future attacks, should our government have a plan for compensating victims, and if so, is this Fund a model? Should the 9-11 Fund be re-established to compensate the victims of the toxic dust at Ground Zero? If the Victim Compensation Fund was the right thing to do, do those hurt in past tragedies like the Oklahoma City bombing also deserve compensation? Through relics salvaged from Ground Zero that look as if they've gone through a nuclear holocaust --burned emergency vehicles, steel beams bent like ribbons, charred files, personal items, and photos -- this visually powerful film captures-- the shattered American dream and how we tried to use money to put it back together.

Was justice delivered?

2009 LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SUMMER **CLERKSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIP** **OPPORTUNITIES**

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2009

Below is information about two Summer Clerkships for 1Ls, 2Ls, and non-graduating 3Ls, as well as, information regarding the Krug Scholarship for students who are not 1Ls.

These are summer jobs with a public interest component that pay \$6,000, funded in part by the WSBA Labor and Employment Section and the King County Bar Association. To apply, you need to start now by contacting the potential placement where you would work, and interviewing to see if they would be willing to host you to work there if you win the Competition. The deadline is Friday, March 27, 2009. The best news is that when the potential employers understand the student's salary is paid for, they are thrilled to have a "free" summer employee, so they usually jump at the chance to have you! See details below.

I. The LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT SUMMER CLERKSHIP COMPETITION (sponsored by the King County Bar Association) awards \$6,000 to a non-graduating student (1Ls are eligible) who has shown interest and distinction or promise in labor or employment law for certain summer employment.

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Interested students in either of the opportunities listed above should:

- 1) Read the Guidelines, posted on the Labor and Employment Law (LELA) TWEN site.
- 2) Decide which qualifying agency you would like to work for. A list of qualifying agencies is in the Guidelines, and if you feel another would be your choice, but is not listed, ask Prof. Branscomb or Prof. Martin if it meets the requirements for acceptable placements set forth in the Guidelines.
- 3) Interview at your chosen agency and ask if you win if they would allow you to work there (for free!) this summer. If so, submit your application by 3/27/09 per the Guidelines.

For further information, contact either of the Seattle University's LELA Co-Presidents Riddhi Mukhopadhyay (mukhopad@seattleu.edu) or Susan Marx (marxs@seattleu.edu) or labor and employment law faculty advisors, Prof. Martin (nmartin@seattleu.edu) or Prof. Branscomb (bransco@seattleu.edu).

III. Last, the Mary Ellen KRUG SCHOLARSHIP is a cash grant which usually ranges from \$4,000 - \$8,000, with the exact amount determined by the proceeds from the Pacific Coast Labor and Employment Conference each year. The grant is awarded to a 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year student (including graduating students) who has shown interest and distinction or promise in Labor and Employment law. This is an outright cash grant, awarded by the King County Bar Association from proceeds from the annual Labor and Employment Law Conference each spring. The deadline is in mid-to-late April each year – See the Guidelines and look for a deadline posted in the law school building in April. The recipient is also honored at the Pacific Coast L&E Conference, attended by some 400 practicing attorneys from the West Coast. For details, see the Guidelines, posted at the Labor and Employment Law (LELA) TWEN site. Please direct any additional questions to labor and employment law faculty advisors, Prof. Martin (nmartin@seattleu.edu) or Prof. Branscomb (bransco@seattleu.edu).

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